

Historical HOA Nontoxic Weed Control

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Subject: Weed memo for HOA letter.

By law we are required to manage, and in some cases eradicate noxious weeds. During 2010 the River Park subdivision met legal requirements by mechanical methods; cutting and clearing in May and August, and inspecting for any missed seed heads in September.

It is necessary to cut weeds before the third leaf is fully mature. This early cutting prevents photosynthesis and encourages die back, thus allowing desirable species (native grasses, shrubs and wildflowers) to populate.

All home and lot owners are required to participate in these efforts.

For vacant lot owners, and homeowners or renters who need help, we offer the following services:

Vacant Lots: \$100.00 per lot includes cut and clear in late May and early August.

Home owners and renters responsible for yard care: \$45.00 per hour.

Home and Lot owners can also request re vegetation services to prevent future weed infestations on an "estimated price per job" basis.

Our River Park HOA Board of Directors strongly discourages individual use of chemical poisons for weed and pest control. Considering the abundance of children, pets, pregnant and lactating mothers, wildlife, and sensitive eco-systems involved, the risks far outweigh the benefits.

Lot owners who contracted our cut and clear service last year, that have not yet paid for this service invoice, PLEASE, become current! Our HOA Dues increase reflects outstanding balances. Remember, the weed concern is a legal requirement, as well as, a subdivision beautification issue.